

Civil Engineering Dominates Q1 Construction Activity

According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia, the civil engineering sub-sector contributed the most to construction activity in the first quarter of this year at 38%, followed by non-residential buildings (32%), residential buildings (25.8%) and special trade (4.2%). The total value of construction work done in the first quarter 2013 recorded a decrease of 5.4% quarter-on-quarter to RM21 billion. The percentage change year-on-year however, showed a significant growth of 18.4 per cent. In terms of projects among the states, Selangor recorded the highest value of construction work done at RM4.52 billion or 21.5%. This was followed by Johor at RM3.33 billion (15.9%), the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur which recorded RM3.22 billion (15.3%), Sarawak at RM1.95 billion (9.3%) and Sabah posting RM1.33 billion (6.3 per cent). The contribution of these five states accounted for 68.3% of the total value of construction work done. In terms of construction activity by project owners, the private sector continued to dominate, with an increased share from 68.4% in the fourth quarter of 2012, to 69.8% in the first quarter of 2013. – BERNAMA

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